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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/777,976  
Applicants: Naoko TSUJI, et al.  
Filing Date: February 13, 2004  
For: TREATING METHOD FOR SUPPRESSING HAIR  
GROWTH  
Group Art Unit: 1655  
Examiner: FLOOD, M. C.

SIR:

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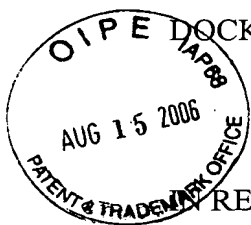
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Responsive to the Official Action dated July 18, 2006, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 7-9, drawn to a method of inhibiting hair growth comprising administering to the surface of the skin in need thereof an effective amount of plant extract. Applicants further elect, with respect to Group I, the species in Claim 7 of a rye malt and the species in Claim 8 of the solvent which includes mixtures of water and alcohol.

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